

January 12, 2018

## From the Headmaster



Thanks to the Giedds for once again hosting an Epiphany Party for the Lumen Christi community, and to all those who attended. It was a good time just to get together and

get to know people better. Dave Olecki and I gave a brief update on the school administrative structure and the headmaster search.

The group got into a very positive discussion about our high school. There is clearly a lot of support for the high school at Lumen Christi and a great desire on the part of many elementary school parents to know more about it. If you have questions or comments about the high school, I encourage you to reach out to Mary Rose Collins, the High School Principal, or to me.

### Enrollment for 2018-19

In the Friday folders this week, you'll find an envelope with information about tuition and enrollment for the 2018-19 school year and a Letter of Intent to return to Lumen Christi. We have tried to put in place a process that will allow us to plan better for the coming year, and I want it to work well for you, too. So if you have any questions or concerns about enrolling your children for next year, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### Faculty Changes

We're happy to welcome **Vanessa Marquez** to our faculty. Ms. Marquez is teaching Spanish III in the high school, replacing Mr. Granados, who has taken a new job in Chicago. She will also continue to serve Lumen Christi as a substitute teacher. Ms. Marquez is a graduate of Franciscan University and is studying at IUPUI.

Our fourth grade teacher, **Marie Perry**, will be leaving Lumen Christi around the beginning of February. She and her husband Joe (Lumen Christi

HS Class of 2010) are moving to Milwaukee, where Joe has accepted a new job. We thank Mrs. Perry for her work with the fourth graders this year and wish her the very best. We have posted the position and are optimistic that we will have a new teacher in place soon. Mrs. Perry has offered to delay her departure a week or two if necessary to help ensure a smooth transition.

### Annual Appeal

Our Annual Appeal has raised almost exactly \$40,000 – our goal – including matching funds from several donors' employers. Thanks to all who have responded; if you would still like to contribute to the Annual Appeal, it's not too late!

### Upcoming events

**Basketball:** Our boys basketball team is scheduled to play St. Thomas Aquinas at 10 am on Saturday, Jan. 13, at Central Catholic. They have a tournament game next Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 6 pm at St. Luke. Congratulations to the team on their win over St. Michael last Sunday.

**Prolife Events:** The high school will attend the March for Life in Washington, DC, next Friday, Jan. 19. Grades 5-8 will attend the Mass for Life at St. John the Evangelist Church at noon on Monday, Jan. 22. **Parents should return the permission slip in this Friday folder on Tuesday.** (And parents in grades 5-8 please sign up to drive if you can.)

**Ash Wednesday/Valentine's Day:** Ash Wednesday falls on Feb. 14, St. Valentine's Day. To maintain a penitential attitude on Ash Wednesday, we will observe St. Valentine's Day on Tuesday, Feb. 13 – which is also Mardi Gras. (Mrs. Mascari will serve her annual feast that day.) Teachers will schedule any Valentines activities for Tuesday; students may wear red, pink, white or heart shirts that day.

### Prayer Request

The Jenkins family asks your prayers for their uncle, Davy Laducer, who is very ill, and for his family.